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16 IN RACE FOR COUNCIL SEATS

Incumbents, 13 Others File Papers

Voters will be asked to choose among 16 candidates, including the three incumbents, when they go to the polls on April 12 to fill three seats on the city council.

Thirteen challengers joined incumbents Victor E. Benstead, Nick Drale, and Robert Jahn in returning nominating petitions at the deadline for filing last Thursday noon, according to records in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

hold a special election on this Other capital improvement projects, however, may find their way onto the ballot in the next few weeks.

IN ADDITION to the incumbents, those filing included: Paul R. Albright Jr., 23313 Pennsylvania Ave., oil pumper. John Barton, 4160 Via Lado, attorney.

Garth Belknap, 17822 Bailey Drive, teacher. Jeff Bell, 3719 W. 187th St., welder.

Henry R. Carrelro, 1319 student. James Cicchini, 20925 Madonna Ave., leadman.

Mrs. Rose Craig, 4110 Carmen, real estate broker. David Figueredo, 1730 Date Ave., service station operator.

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, 3837 W. 182nd St., field meterman. Roger "Pat" Hogue, 4630 Toucan, sheet metal worker.

Walter Kerberlien, 2818 W. 168th St. George Kurtz, 1308 Sartori, attorney.

George Vico, 219 Paseo de las Delicias, water company executive.

THE THREE successful candidates at the April 12 election will join Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount, and George Bradford on the seven-man body. Councilmen are elected to four-year terms.

Councilmen are elected at large in the city and serve the city at large.

No other city offices are at stake in the 1960 elections, the city clerk and city treasurer having been elected to four-year terms in 1958.

UNDER STUDY by the council are proposals for bond issues to be placed on the same ballot. Some thought of placing an airport improvement bond on the ballot has been expressed but it is now believed that the city will wait to

STUDY THREE SITES

Plans for a downtown bus depot and suggestions for three possible locations will be considered Tuesday night by the city council.

Prepared by Wade E. Peebles, director of public works, the cost of the plans would range from \$4700 to \$6300 depending on site approval and alternate proposals for the building.

One site recommended is the present triangle used as a bus terminal at Torrance Blvd. and Sartori. The second site is at El Prado and Torrance Blvd., and the third is at the Cravens end of El Prado Park.

PROPOSED is a basic depot which would include a passenger waiting room and two rest rooms in a stucco building. An alternate would provide office space for the city's bus superintendent.

Cost of the bus depot only at the Torrance Blvd. triangle would be \$4700, Peebles estimated. Addition of an office would bring the cost to \$6300, he said. A similar cost was estimated for such a depot at El Prado Park.

COST OF placing the depot at Torrance Blvd. and El Prado would be only \$3300 or \$4900 if the office was added. The difference is in cost of installation.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

Big news in California during the week end has been the world famed Caryl Chessman case. Wondering how the man in the street felt about it, the HERALD asked five persons for their comments.

Answering were: Barbara Bardina, 1550 W. 214th St., housewife.

"I feel that Governor Brown was right in what he did in delaying the execution of Caryl Chessman. They have taken so long with him now that he should just receive a life sentence."

Alan Jeffrey, 1311 Sartori, salesman.

"He had no other choice than to re-approve Caryl Chessman because of the pressure of the state department and the other countries particularly Brazil, which President Eisenhower is about to visit."

Robert F. Ash, 20709 Jamison, ironworker.

"I feel that the sentence should have been carried out 11 years ago as the court decided at that time. The Court found him guilty at that time and after the proper appeals had been exhausted, the sentence should have been carried out."

Jean Rayner, 641 W. Century, Los Angeles, housewife.

"I feel that they have put it off too long as it is. They have cost the state too much money. No one is against giving criminals all the chances to prove their innocence, but there must be an end."

Forest G. Beyrer, 409 Sepulveda, executive secretary, Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

"I feel that Governor Brown was right and by no means should there be a death penalty when murder has not been committed. I hope that they abolish the death penalty for all times."

Chest Volunteers To Receive Awards

Jim Becker, Torrance manager, Southern California Gas Co., has been appointed chairman of the annual Harbor Area Community Chest awards and installation dinner meeting by Glenn Koger, Harbor Area board chairman.

The annual dinner, to be held March 24, will honor Chest volunteers and contributors and will include the installation of new board members and officers.

Final Plans Readied for 'Konya Day'

Tickets are still available for the Konya Day Banquet to be held at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant next Saturday at 7:30 p.m., according to an announcement today by John Barton, chairman of the Torrance-Konya-City to City Committee.

Barton said tickets can be reserved at the Chamber office, and he urged Torrance residents to take advantage of the opportunity to honor Mayor Stiki Bilgin of Turkey, who is scheduled to arrive in Torrance on Tuesday, Feb. 23, with his wife from Washington, D. C. Mayor Bilgin's Jet Flight will arrive at Los Angeles International Airport at 2:25 p.m. where he will be greeted and given a police escort to Torrance.

Speaker of the evening will be Attorney General Stanley Mosk, who will represent Governor Brown at the function.

THE BANQUET will be filmed for national and international television release by the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service and by the Voice of America.

Rose Float Decorators To Be Feted

An "Appreciation Night" for float decorators and families of Torrance's prize-winning entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade held in Pasadena on New Year's Day, will be conducted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 9, at Higgins Brick Yard, announces George A. Bradford, float chairman.

The brief program starting at 7:30 p.m. will feature one of the first public showings of the official parade film in color and sound.

Tournament of Roses Officials, George Harris and Art Althouse, President, Tournament of Roses Association, will attend to present the First Place Award to Chairman Bradford. The Decorations Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Margaret Clark and Mrs. Jeanne Gerald will receive awards also.

Refreshments will be served following the 20-minute film and the brief presentation ceremonies, it was added.

Armstrong Luncheon To Sell Out

A sell-out is assured for the Testimonial Luncheon honoring Judge Donald Armstrong scheduled for Monday, Feb. 29 at the Plush Horse Restaurant. Chairman Fred W. Mill said yesterday that a few tickets remain, and are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office.

Judge Armstrong has just completed a term as presiding judge of the South Bay Judicial District. Mill said that the Testimonial is sponsored by Armstrong's many friends, as a tribute to the Jurist's integrity and leadership over a period of many years in this area.

Boris Woolley, immediate past president of the South Bay Bar Assn., will act as master of ceremonies.

The passage from Ankara, Turkey, to Washington, D. C., will be on regularly scheduled military aircraft which will not be an extra expense item for the Government or the taxpayer. Barton emphasized that the visit is purely a goodwill gesture between the United States and Turkey and is an intricate part of President Eisenhower's "People to People" program.

MEANWHILE, the Torrance City to City committee has been "burning the midnight oil" to work out final arrangements for the two-day Konya Day Celebration scheduled for next Friday and Saturday.

Numerous Turkish officials and Turkish Exchange Students are expected to participate in such activities as tours through schools, homes, city facilities, etc. Other highlights include the Mayor's Breakfast in which Mayor Bilgin will meet with City officials from surrounding communities. Councilman J. A. Beasley is chairman of the function which will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Plush Horse.

A press conference will be held at the Palms Restaurant, followed by a "work session dinner," which is an invitational affair, to get down to the basic facts of the program. Attending will be only the Board of Directors of the City to City Program and City and Chamber officials.

A RECEPTION will be held at the Palms honoring Mayor and Mrs. Bilgin so that community leaders and organization officials may meet them personally.

Other highlights include: posting of Turkish and American flags in El Prado Park on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.; presentation of Key to City to Mayor Bilgin, folk dancing — Turkish and American, and selections by Torrance Area Youth Band.

Side-trips for Mayor Bilgin's party will include Marineland, Disneyland, Wayfarer's Chapel, Los Angeles, Hollywood, movie studio, industrial tours, and Knott's Berry Farm. His official escort will be Capt. John Maestri of the Torrance Police Department.

Tentative plans call for Mayor and Mrs. Bilgin to leave for Washington, D. C., on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8 a.m.



LOOK UP FACTS . . . Charles Deck, City vice chairman; Fred Spangler, display chairman; and Mrs. N. F. Jamison, chief librarian of Torrance, look up references on Turkey at main library Friday. The Downtown Torrance library has the first display on Turkey honoring Konya Day, to be celebrated next Friday and Saturday. (Herald Photo)



PLAN BREAKFAST . . . Discussing plans for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce breakfast to be held Tuesday morning at the Torrance Masonic Lodge are (seated) Richard Hadel, general manager of the Akron stores, and William Palley, president of Palley Supply Co. Standing are George Post, co-chairman of the breakfast and J. H. Paget, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Palley and Akron each are building a huge new retail outlet in Torrance.

Annexation Of Lomita Area Nears

Formal hearing on the proposed annexation of the northwest corner of Lomita to the city of Torrance has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday before the city council.

Unless protests are received from owners of at least one half of the property in the area by value, the council can declare the annexation approved and adopt an ordinance confirming it.

At least two protests have been filed with the city, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett's office.

John Davidian and Victor Steed, owners of property to be annexed, have filed formal protests. The council can receive further protests at Tuesday's meeting.

Campaign Leaders Launch YMCA Drive at Breakfast

One hundred Torrance YMCA Campaigners gathered for breakfast yesterday at the Broadway Del Amo to help launch the 1960 annual finance campaign. Seeking a goal of \$32,000, the Campaigners were entertained and informed about the Y program through a series of presentations by various boys, girls, men and women active in Y clubs, tribes and camps.

The campaigners saw mothers and daughters of the Sequoia tribe do an Indian dance, boys of the Beavers Gra-Y club run a football play, and representatives of the Lancers Jr. Hi-Y club describe their service projects to help others.

Mrs. Alpha Renz, Tri-Hi-Y Advisor, reported on her recent participation in the high school YMCA Model Legislature held last week in Sacramento. Then Paul Slyh, Teen-Age Director, described the extensive camping program for all members of the family.

Stanley Remelmeyer, city attorney and chairman of the Torrance YMCA general campaign, emphasized the need of the Y for financial support in order to continue and enlarge

its services to youth. Remelmeyer also introduced the key campaign leaders who include Chapman Bone, Donald Hitchcock, John Wallace, William Poser, Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, Dr. Robert Barrett, George Kurtz and James Post. Campaigners will be reporting their progress each Tuesday and Thursday until March 17 when a victory celebration will be held. At this time all campaign workers will be recognized for their vital contribution to the welfare of the community.



CAMPAIGNERS . . . Mrs. Frank Pagac, Torrance businesswoman; and Mrs. Clara Conners, postmaster, chat with Ronda Brown and Susan Wilcox, Twinkling Stars, who entertained with an Indian dance during breakfast held in Broadway Terrace Room Saturday. Mmes Pagac and Conners are first women leaders in 1960 Annual area YMCA funds raising campaign. (Herald Photo)